

CSE 486/586 Distributed Systems Wrap-up

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- PA4 deadline: 5/10
- Final exam: 5/17 @ 11:45 am – 2:45 pm in Knox 109
 - Includes everything
 - True/false questions & multi-choice questions
 - Cheat sheet allowed (1-page, letter-sized, front-and-back)
 - No restroom use
- Survey & course evaluation
 - Survey: <https://forms.gle/eg1wHN2G8S6GVz3e9>
 - Course evaluation: <https://www.smartevals.com/login.aspx?s=buffalo>
- Incentive when **both** have 80% or more participation
 - Currently about 50% for both
- No recitation this week; replaced with office hours

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- Important things about the final week
 - PA4 scores will hopefully be posted by Wednesday.
 - Re-grading will be done on Thursday & Friday.
- Final grading
 - I'm shooting for Tuesday (5/21) for posting, Wednesday (5/22) for reviewing, and Thursday (5/23) for finalizing.
 - This will change if there's any delay in grading at the scoring center.

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- Distinguished speaker talk 2–3pm today in SU 330
- Cynthia Rudin from Duke University
- Alumnus of UB
- AI/ML
- No office hours from me today (sorry). Email me if you want.

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Building a Distributed System

- *"The number of people who know how to build really solid distributed systems...is about ten"*
 - Scott Shenker, Professor at UC Berkeley
- Are you confident now?
- What were the most interesting topic to you?

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The Way I See It

- We've learned some of the building blocks & fundamental results...
 - Networking basics, failure detection, logical time, reliable multicast, mutual exclusion, leader election, transactions, concurrency control, replication, gossiping, Paxos, BFT, ...
- ...and how real systems get built using those...
 - P2P, DHT, Dynamo, ...
- ...and also got some experience in building/using the fundamental building blocks...
 - Ordered multicast for messaging, a DHT, and a replicated key-value storage

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